

## **CONCORDIA COUNCIL ON STUDENT LIFE**

Minutes of a meeting held in AD.131, Loyola Campus at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, 17 January 1992.

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**PRESENT:** Donald L. Boisvert, Chair, Janet Mrenica, Nick Kaminaris, Marlis Hubbard, Nancy Torbit, Brian Counihan, Ann Kerby, Sup Mei Graub, Aparna Kurupati, Hernani Farias, Charlene Nero, Lana Grimes, Bob Philip, Peter Coté, Kathy McDonald, Shirley Maynes, Secretary. Guest: Didier Pomerleau.

**ABSENT:** Mohammed Ahsan, Connie Morales, Bluma Litner, Brahm Rosensweig, Roger Côté.

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### **1. Approval of Agenda**

Add to the agenda - letter from Graduate Students re: international students  
On a motion by Hernani Farias, seconded by Janet Mrenica, the agenda was unanimously adopted as proposed.

### **2. Remarks from the Chair**

Dr. Boisvert informed the Council of a tour of the new Library Building with Michael Di Grappa on Friday, January 24 at 12:00 noon. Twelve (12) people indicated an interest and they were instructed to meet in front of Bishop Court. Dr. Boisvert introduced Ms. Kathy McDonald, the newly appointed Programme Development Coordinator for Student Services. Kathy will be replacing Ms. Shirley Maynes as Secretary to the CCSL.  
Dr. Boisvert announced that the new Vice-Rector, Services will be in attendance at the next meeting of the CCSL.

### **3. Adoption of the Minutes**

On a motion by Nancy Torbit, seconded by Lana Grimes, the minutes of the 13 December 1991 meeting were unanimously adopted.

### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

#### **(a) Implementation Report (CCSL-10-91-D1):**

On a motion by Janet Mrenica, seconded by Hernani Farias, the report as distributed was received and adopted unanimously with the provision that the Associate Vice-Rector, Student Life report back to the CCSL on a bi-monthly basis.

(b) Space Planning

A discussion took place regarding the presentation of CCSL concerns to the Board of Governors on the proposed Space Plan. A request to consider CCSL motions regarding the proposal before the Board was denied due to the lateness of the request in the consultation process established by the Board of Governors. This led to a discussion about the authority and perceived status of the CCSL by the Board of Governors. Hernani Farias commented that generally, there was support for concerns and issues pertinent to student life by the Board. Dr. Boisvert clarified the authority of the CCSL in relation to the Board of Governors. CCSL derives its authority from the University Board of Governors and reports directly to the Board through the Rector. Council members felt it was important to have the Board receive minutes of the CCSL meetings. This possibility will be investigated by Dr. Boisvert.

**6. Report from the Planning and Resources Committee**

The Planning and Resources Committee Co-Chair, Bob Philip, provided a brief report on the initial work of the Committee. The information presented is included within the following topic areas.

(a) Composition of Employment Services Advisory Committee

The Committee recommended including representation from various student groups, Human Resources, Counselling and Development and the Associate Vice-Rector, Student Life as Chair.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the proposed composition of the Employment Services Advisory Committee.

On a motion proposed by Bob Philip and seconded by Hernani Farias that the Committee composition be:

Student Groups (to be determined), Human Resources, Counselling and Development, Associate Vice-Rector, Student life, Chair, Job Bank (CUSA)

A discussion followed regarding specific student group representation. Several possibilities were considered.

On a motion by Nick Kaminaris, seconded by Peter Côté, that the groups represented should be:

CUSA, GSA, CASA, ECA, Graduate Students-Commerce, Graduate Students-Engineering. The motion was defeated.

On a motion by Nick Kaminaris, seconded by Janet Mrenica, that student representation on the committee be:

1 student from the "professional" sector, 1 student from the "non-professional" sector, 1 Graduate Student, Counselling and Development, Human Resources, Job Bank (CUSA). The motion was carried.

As a result of further discussion on representation the following amendments to the motion were proposed and agreed to;

On an amendment by Nick Kaminaris, seconded by Janet Mrenica, that MBA



Job Bank be added to the Committee.

Dr. Boisvert suggested that the Human Resources Representative be removed. The final composition of the committee is as follows;

The two Job Banks (CUSA, MBA), 3 student representatives (2 undergraduate, 1 graduate), Counselling and Development, Associate Vice-Rector, Student Life (Chair).

(b) Elaboration of Principles F & G of Space Planning Report

(c) Motion on Student Input re: Space Planning

It was determined that both of these items would be dealt with at the next meeting of the CCSL.

(d) Common List of Issues for Discussion by Council

Bob Philip outlined a preliminary list of student issues and concerns that are common to the Student Services sector as follows;

1)Academic Area:

- The existing attitude toward students in academic jeopardy.
- Faculty evaluation, in terms of the quality of teaching throughout the University.
- Standardization of grading systems.

2)Facilities:

- Athletic needs; it is important that the CCSL have a position and plan regarding Athletic facilities development for consideration as part of theCapital Campaign process.

3)Financial Aid:

- There is a general concern regarding increased costs in a period of inflation, and its impact on students.

4)Programme and Service Opportunity and Availability:

- It is necessary to conduct a programme and service inventory or audit of the Student Services sector and student associations to ensure that there is not a duplication of services and/or resource allocation.

There was a brief discussion on these issues by the Council and it was determined that the Committee would formally elaborate and circulate the listing.

(e) Other Items

Dr. Boisvert commented on the importance of the work of this Committee to the CCSL. The identification, clarification and resolution of issues is critical in order

for the CCSL to be effective.

At this point in the meeting, it was requested that the agenda be adjusted to accommodate the guest presentation from the GSA. Council then moved on to the item of other business which was a letter regarding the impact of the tuition increase on graduate international students.

## **8. Other Business**

Didier Pomerleau, President of the GSA, read a letter requesting that the CCSL investigate their concern regarding the negative impact of a new fee structure on international students.

After a brief discussion, a motion by Nick Kaminaris, seconded by Janet Mrenica, that the CCSL is against all undergraduate and graduate tuition fee increases, and be it further resolved that this motion be forwarded to the Board of Governors. The motion was carried with a vote of three (3) in favour, two (2) opposed and eight (8) abstentions.

On a motion by Hernani Farias, seconded by Apurna Kurupati, that the letter be referred for review by the International Student Advisor, CUSA and GSA. The motion was carried with a vote of nine (9) in favor, three (3) opposed.

Ann Kerby expressed concern for the possible increase in workload on an already overworked International Student Advisor, but agreed to assist in coordination of follow-up action.

## **7. Reports From Directors**

The various Directors provided reports and updates on activities in Departments.

### **Recreation and Athletics-Bob Philip**

The arena was closed for a brief period due to rink disfunction which caused significant problems, expense and loss of revenue. Fortunately, the problem was resolved in time to host the MBA Games.

Université Laval will be holding a press conference to announce their intention to participate in men's basketball beginning in the 1992-3 competitive season.

### **Counselling and Development-Sup Mei Graub**

Dr. Graub commented on the ongoing effort by the Department to evaluate services and their mode of delivery. As a result wherever possible, automation is improved and resources are added:

- A 1992 version of a computerized career counselling service called CHOICES is now available.

- Employment Services; There is a new video cassette on campus recruitment and creative job search techniques.

- Learning and Writing Skills; The Department has a new P.C. Write Software



programme that will be useful for university students in need. It will be helpful in writing term papers. This represents a more integrated marketing approach to service delivery.

-An effort is being made at this time to prepare for activities in June, i.e. group programmes, that provide support for students who are having academic difficulties.

-The Leadership Skills Workshop has been rescheduled for the spring.

#### Advocacy and Support Services-Ann Kerby

Women's Centre: A new Women's Centre Coordinator, Margo Lacroix, has been appointed.

Campus Ministry: The Spirit of Christmas Drive was a success; thanks to all who have contributed. The financial report will be available at the next meeting.

Peer Helper: Contact was initiated with the January new students as a 'pilot' Peer Helper project.

Services for Disabled Students: Jane Needles and security are collaborating to ensure access into the Hall Building during construction of the Tunnel.

International Student Advisor: Pat Hardt has been re-assigned to assist the Advisor on special projects for the upcoming term.

Advocacy team: Peter Côté will be leading a working group to investigate Food Bank options for students in crisis and need.

CCSL: Would like to serve notice to CCSL for the endorsement of a Task Force on Child Care at the next meeting.

#### Dean of Students-Brian Counihan

Brian was pleased that there now is a full complement for the CCSL Awards Night Committee, and the first meeting will be held next week.

#### Health Services-Nancy Torbit

Nancy outlined activity by Health Services in dealing with the needs of the community regarding the Meningitis issue.

#### Financial Aid and Awards-Roger Côté

There was no report from Financial Aid.

### 9. Next Meeting

12:30 p.m.- Friday, 14 February 1992 at S.G.W.-H-769

10. **Termination of Meeting**

The meeting was terminated with comments from Dr. Boisvert explaining that the 1992-3 Student Services budget preparation process has begun and the CCSL can expect a report to be tabled in March or April. On a motion by Charlene Nero, seconded by Ann Kerby, the CCSL wished to thank Ms. Shirley Maynes for her years of service to the CCSL. There being no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned.